

INCOMING TELEGRAM

Department of State

ACTION COPY

53-39

CONFIDENTIAL

Action

Control: 2426  
Rec'd: JULY 3, 1958  
1:24 PMEUR  
Info

FROM: BONN

TO: Secretary of State

RMR

NO: 44, JULY 3, 5 PM

Eur:gu:ga/TOM/fer

SS

G

SP

C

W

L

INR

H

P

UOP

SCA

IRC

NIACT

SENT DEPARTMENT 44, REPEATED INFORMATION BERLIN 10, MOSCOW 7,  
PARIS, LONDON UNNUMBERED.

ALSO SENT USAREUR HEIDELBERG 8 BY OTHER MEANS

FONOFF GAVE US TODAY FOLLOWING REPORT, FROM SOVIET ZONE SOURCES,  
WHICH IT EVALUATES B-: #

762B.5411

QUOTE

OCB  
USIA  
CIA  
OSD  
ARMY  
NAVY  
AIR  
NIC

1. ACCORDING (SED) CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER, GDR GOVERN-  
MENT CIRCLES WERE ASTONISHED THAT USA SO QUICKLY DECLARED ITS  
READINESS TO NEGOTIATE WITH GDR ON RELEASE AMERICAN HELICOPTER  
AND OCCUPANTS. IT HAD BEEN ASSUMED THAT SOVIET UNION, IN VIEW  
GENERAL SITUATION, WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN PREPARED GIVE WAY IN  
SEVERAL DAYS.

2. HOWEVER, AS REGARDS BERLIN AIR CORRIDORS, WHICH ARE ASSURED  
BY FOUR POWER AGREEMENTS, SOVIET UNION CONTINUES ATTACH GREATEST  
IMPORTANCE TO SOVIET ARMY COMMAND IN GDR RETAINING SOLE COMPET-  
ENCE, ALSO IN CASES OF EMERGENCY LANDING OR "STRAYED FLIGHTS"  
OVER GDR TERRITORY.

3. IT IS LEARNED FROM GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY CIRCLES THAT DEPUTY  
FOREIGN MINISTER WINZER WILL NOT REPEAT NOT FOR TIME BEING RETREAT  
FROM NEGOTIATING TACTICS FOLLOWED THUS FAR AND WILL FOR A WHILE  
PURSUE TALKS FRUITLESSLY. IF, HOWEVER, AMERICANS MAINTAIN FIRM  
POSITION AND REJECT ALL SOLUTIONS INVOLVING ANY RECOGNITION  
WHATSOEVER OF GDR, LATTER CONTEMPLATES RELEASING AIRMEN BUT  
RETAINING HELICOPTER.

UNQUOTE.

BRUCE

PERMANENT

RECORD COPY

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

This copy must be returned to the central files with notation of action taken.

UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"  
REPRODUCTION FROM THIS  
COPY IS REQUIRED

762B.5411/7-358

762B.5411/7-358

Authority NND 877449  
NIA NARA, Date 12/1/80